

June 11, 2024

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. CDT, on June 11th, 2024.

Members present were Glen 'Butch' Cain, Scott Carlson and Abbey Rossiter. Also present were Surveyor - Beau Watkins, Drainage Board Secretary – Jamie Rowe and Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong.

Glen 'Butch' Cain called the meeting to order.

Minutes

May 8, 2024

Abbey Rossiter made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.

2025 Drainage Board Budget

Secretary Jamie Rowe presented the requested 2025 Budget to the Board for approval. Discussion was held regarding the wall along the Thompson Ditch in Ade that is in need of repair, and the need to request from landfill funds.

Abbey Rossiter made a motion to approve the 2025 Drainage Board Budget as presented, with the addition of a request for \$275,000.00 from Landfill Contractual (4905-30900). Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.

Thompson Ditch (612) – Wall at Ade Elevator

Surveyor Watkins presented a historical Surveyor's Report, along with a current Surveyor's Report to the Board. The current report documents the retaining wall collapse at CR 900 S, on the south side of Ade, IN., along Ceres Elevator. Surveyor Watkins has been in contact with the Ceres Elevator, along with Nipsco and Norfolk Southern Railroad regarding this collapse. Currently, the Drainage Board has requested the assistance of Christopher B. Burke Engineering to design options of replacement or removal with cost estimates for this wall.

Beaver Creek (571) Ditch Maintenance

Surveyor Watkins presented an estimate from Aquatic Control to perform chemical maintenance via a drip line half way between SR 14 and Division as well as at the bridge on 200 S.

Scott Carlson motioned to proceed with the Aquatic Control estimate as recommended by the Surveyor. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.

Kent-Morrison (704) Repair Invoice

Secretary Jamie Rowe presented an invoice that required Board approval before payment, as Dwenger Excavating is not actively registered with the Newton County Building Department.

Surveyor Watkins explained that he was contacted by Dwenger and asked if they may do the repair. A landowner had hired them, but they recognized the repair was on a regulated drain. Given the lack of contractor availability, Surveyor Watkins authorized the repair and has confirmed the work was done to county standards.

Scott Carlson made a motion to approve the payment to Dwenger Excavating for the Kent-Morrison repair. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.

Best Ditch (717)

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that we are just waiting on all parties to confirm a date to schedule the SEA meeting.

Lake Village Drainage

Discussion held regarding progress of the project.

Illinois Assessments

Secretary Jamie Rowe presented a concern brought in by an Illinois landowner regarding paying into the James Whaley (IL). Discussion held regarding how Illinois assessments are billed, the flow of the drains, Attorney Armstrong will look into research that has been sent to her.

Scott Carlson made a motion to waive late fees and penalties of \$450.11. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.

Thompson Ditch (602)

Secretary Jamie Rowe reminded the Board there is a Notice to Proceed that requires action.

Scott Carlson motioned to accept Notice to Proceed with Christopher B. Burke Engineering. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.

Other Matters

Discussion was held regarding a Dairy Farm mentioned, in passing, at the Benton-Newton Drainage Board Meeting last week.

William Martin – Scott Carlson mentioned that Mike Wiseman has an invoice to present for payment that will be coming to the office.

Frank Best – Scott Carlson stated that he has an invoice for work completed on this tile that he will bring for review.

Lake Village Drainage – Discussion was held about regulating this drain.

Adjournment

Abbey Rossiter made a motion to adjourn. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.

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Glen ‘Butch’ Cain
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Abbey Rossiter